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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: K. IRIE, et al.  
Application. No. 09/855,673  
Filed: MAY 16, 2001  
For: A METHOD FOR PROCESSING PERFLUOROCARBON, AND  
AN APPARATUS THEREFOR  
Group AU: 1725  
Examiner: Kevin P. Kearns  
Confirm. No.: 2143

**AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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June 23, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 23, 2005, the period for response having been extended for three (3) months by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as listed in the following, and as set forth on the following pages:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS; and

REMARKS are included following the amendments.